

Smooth Swen Miss:

Inducted into the IBHA Hall of Fame 3/17/18

Some of the best horses turn into horses the whole family can enjoy. Smooth Swen Miss came into Doug's life when he bought her from Karen Hawkins with the intent on having his son Christopher show the mare in showmanship and mare halter, and he could show in halter and dun factor. In fact, Doug, his wife, and his son all enjoyed showing Missy in a multitude of classes, each winning world titles with her.

Missy was a laid back mare that was an easy keeper and loved to be around people. She was mellow, but knew that when in the show pen that it was her time to stand up and shine.

As a broodmare, Missy produced many excellent paint offspring from Doug's Paint Stallion, Quorum, all of which sold as weanlings. The one non-paint foal that she produced was also loaded in dun factor.

Missy won twelve World Titles in dun factor- six in IBHA and six in ABRA. She was the IBHA Gateway to the World Circuit Champion in Dun Factor and the IBHA World Champion Dun Factor horse all six year years she competed at the World show. She won her World championships in Dun Factor an unprecedented six years in a row.

One year at the IBHA World Show, it was announced that the horse that won the Dun Factor World Championship that year would be placed on the Orin Mixer Signature portrait he was doing for IBHA. Missy won, and is forever immortalized on the Orin Mixer print as a Dun Broodmare, loaded with Dun Factor, with her young foal running nearby. That photo captures her essence not only as a Dun Factor Mare but also as a mother.

Missy also won World and Reserve World Championships in Mare Halter, Broodmare Halter and Youth Mare Halter. In total, she won 15 World Championships and 8 Reserve World Championships. She also earned her IBHA Superior in Dun Factor. In 1997, she capped off her show career by earning her IBHA Championship and her IBHA Supreme Championship, proving that she could perform under saddle as well as in the Halter & Dun Factor classes.

Missy passed away from colic complications but her memory and impressive record inspired Doug to seek out his next Dun Factor horse, one we still know today - Foolish Brandy Bar whom he campaigned to an additional six IBHA dun factor world titles, carrying on the legacy of Smooth Swen Miss.